

Claims

1. An apparatus for food waste treatment, comprising:
a body;
a hopper provided at an upper portion of the body to put food wastes into
5 the body;
a crusher installed in the body to crush the food wastes put into the body
through the hopper, the crusher comprising a main crushing cutter and a main
feed screw;
an agitating container having an agitator therein and provided at a lower
10 portion in the body to agitate the food wastes which were crushed by and dropped
from the crusher;
a sewage purifying tank provided under the crusher in the body, so as to
purify sewage generated from the food wastes during a crushing operation of the
crusher, the sewage purifying tank including:
15 an antibacterial filter provided at an upper portion in the sewage
purifying tank; and
a plurality of bio-ceramic balls contained in the sewage
purifying tank and photocatalytic-coated on exterior surfaces thereof; and
a drain pipe extending from the sewage purifying tank, with a magnetic
20 material mounted on an end of the drain pipe to secondarily purify the sewage
drained from the sewage purifying tank into a sewer pipe.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a
photocatalytic filter provided in the body to remove odor emitted from the food
wastes when the food wastes are agitated by the agitator, the photocatalytic filter
25 comprising:
a pair of carbon ball containing blocks to contain a plurality of nano-
carbon balls therein and respectively provided at inlet and outlet sides of the
photocatalytic filter;

a plurality of titanium dioxide blocks each having a plurality of pores;
and

5 a plurality of ultraviolet lamps arranged between the pair of carbon ball containing blocks such that the plurality of titanium dioxide blocks and the plurality of ultraviolet lamps are alternately arranged between the pair of carbon ball containing blocks.

3. The apparatus according to claims 1 or 2, further comprising a catalytic oxidation filter provided at a predetermined position in the body to remove the odor emitted from the food wastes when the food wastes are agitated
10 by the agitator, the catalytic oxidation filter comprising a catalytic oxidation block and a heater to maintain a desired temperature of the catalytic oxidation block.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the crusher which is installed in the body is housed in a crusher housing, with a sub-crushing cutter provided in the crusher housing to engage with the main crushing cutter, the sub-
15 crushing cutter having a rotating shaft which is held at both ends thereof in guide holes provided on both sidewalls of the crusher housing, such that the sub-crushing cutter moves within a predetermined range provided by the guide holes.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the agitating container
20 further comprises a rod-type heater therein to dry the food wastes when the food wastes are agitated by the agitator, the rod-type heater having a role as a rotating shaft of the agitator.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the hopper further comprises a push bar therein to forcibly put the food wastes into the crusher in the
25 body.

7. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the sub-crushing cutter of the crusher is tapered at a first side thereof, with a sub-feed screw integrally provided at a second side of the sub-crushing cutter.

5 8. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the crusher is placed in the body to be offset from a bottom part of the hopper, and the agitating container comprises a plurality of containers.

9. The apparatus according to claims 1 or 8, further comprising a positive temperature coefficient (PTC) thermister heating element or a carbon fiber heater provided under the agitating container to heat the agitating container.

10 10. The apparatus according to claims 1 or 2, further comprising:
an air flow channel provided above the agitating container to guide air from the agitating container into the photocatalytic filter;
a cooling fin mounted on the air flow channel to condense vapor in the air of a high temperature guided from the agitating container into the
15 phtocatalytic filter through the air flow channel; and
a thermoelectric module mounted on an end of the cooling fin such that a cooling side of the thermoelectric module is in contact with the end of the cooling fin.